

it better, than the Senator from West Virginia. The honor to be here and serve with him is honor enough for this Senator.

I am still humbled by the award I will receive on Saturday night. But I am warmed by the Senator's comments, and thank him for his comments about this honor I will receive.

Believe me, I think if there is a Man of Two Centuries, it is the Senator from West Virginia.

Mr. BYRD. Thank you.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Virginia.

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, with complete humility, may I ask to be associated with the remarks of the distinguished Senator from West Virginia on behalf of our colleague.

I have had the privilege of serving both with the Senator from West Virginia and the Senator from Alaska. This is my 22nd or 23rd year, I think. I have lost count. But in those years, I have come to so respect both Senators. As we look at life in the Senate, there are no moments that are more cherished, no more well deserved than when a colleague rises at his or her own initiative to speak from the heart, as our

distinguished Senator from West Virginia has done. He evoked the great quote from the Bible about the prophet without honor. But I would say to my friend from West Virginia, I have never thought of Senator STEVENS—until this moment—as being a prophet, but I have always thought of him with honor.

Although we are from the same side of the aisle, we have had very strong and vigorous debate in dissent, but I have never left the Chamber with less than the feeling that it has been a fair fight, and an honest fight, having even greater respect for our distinguished colleague.

How richly he deserves this honor. Like you, I say to the Senator, I only wish I could be there. But we will be there in spirit.

I thank my colleagues.

Mr. BYRD. We will.

I thank the Senator.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY, MARCH 27, 2000

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will

stand in adjournment until Monday, March 27, 2000, at noon.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 4:53 p.m., adjourned until Monday, March 27, 2000, at 12 Noon.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate March 23, 2000:

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

MANUEL TRINIDAD PACHECO, OF ARIZONA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL SECURITY EDUCATION BOARD FOR A TERM OF FOUR YEARS. (REAPPOINTMENT)

APPALACHIAN REGIONAL COMMISSION

ELLA WONG-RUSINKO, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE ALTERNATE FEDERAL COCHAIRMAN OF THE APPALACHIAN REGIONAL COMMISSION, VICE HILDA GAY LEGG, RESIGNED.

MERIT SYSTEMS PROTECTION BOARD

BETH SUSAN SLAVET, OF MASSACHUSETTS, TO BE CHAIRMAN OF THE MERIT SYSTEMS PROTECTION BOARD, VICE BENJAMIN LEADER ERDREICH, RESIGNED.

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

GORDON S. HEDDELL, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE INSPECTOR GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, VICE CHARLES C. MASTEN, RESIGNED.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

STEVEN S. REED, OF KENTUCKY, TO BE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF KENTUCKY FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS, VICE WALTER MICHAEL TROOP, RESIGNED.

JULIO F. MERCADO, OF TEXAS, TO BE DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR OF DRUG ENFORCEMENT, VICE DONNIE R. MARSHALL.